

Michael R. Taylor

Mike Taylor joined FDA on July 6, 2009, as Senior Advisor to the Commissioner of Food and Drugs, with responsibility for overseeing the planning and implementation of food safety reform at FDA.

From June 2000 until joining FDA, Mr. Taylor worked in academic and research settings as a research professor at The George Washington University School of Public Health and Health Services, a professor at the University of Maryland's School of Medicine, and a senior fellow at Resources for the Future.

Mr. Taylor has served in government as Administrator of USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (1994-1996), Deputy Commissioner for Policy at the Food and Drug Administration (1991-1994), and FDA staff lawyer and Executive Assistant to the FDA Commissioner (1976-1981). In the private sector, he established and led the food and drug law practice at King & Spalding (1981-1991 and November 1996-September 1998) and was Vice President for Public Policy at Monsanto Company (October 1998-January 2000).

Mr. Taylor has served on several National Academy of Sciences committees studying food-related issues. Until joining FDA, he was a senior fellow with The Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa and a board member of Resolve, Inc. and the Alliance to End Hunger.

Mr. Taylor received his law degree from the University of Virginia and his B.A. in political science from Davidson College.

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